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OGC 73-1201

27 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:



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SUBJECT:

Importation of Pistol into United States

1. It appears that the person in question cannot lawfully bring the firearm into the United States. Title 18 U.S.C.A. § 922(l) provides that:

Except as provided in section 925(d) of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to import or bring into the United States...any firearm or ammunition....

2. The exceptions found in section 925(d) allow, inter alia, the importation of unserviceable firearms or firearms generally recognized as particularly suitable or readily adaptable to sporting purposes (excluding surplus military firearms). These and the other even less applicable exceptions do not seem to help our friend.

3. The penalty for violation of § 922 is a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both. Our friend should be advised that the U.S. gun regulations are not to be taken lightly.

4. If our friend were exceptionally persistent in finding a loophole, we might suggest he locate a licensed Virginia firearm importer to bring the firearm in for him. That probably is possible but I have not spent the time required to outline the procedure.

5. I can find no Virginia regulation requiring registration of firearms.



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SWH:ks

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1 - FIREARMS

1 - SWH Signer

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Can gun be brought in?

Smith Wesson 38 — handgun

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